THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, the State Government has decided to take up the work of cleaning of these rivers.

(c) The steps taken include the following:

(i) Standards for river water quality have been prescribed;

(ii) Minimal National Standards for effluents from major polluting industries have been laid down for implementation by the respective State Pollution Control Boards;

(iii) The industries have been directed to comply with the effluent standards on a time bound basis;

(iv) Fiscal incentives have been provided in terms of tax concession/rebates for installation of pollution control devices; and

(v) Legal action has been taken against the defaulting units.

CBI Inquiry against TTCI

2669. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a CBI inquiry was instituted against the Tea Trading Corporation of India (TTCI) some years ago for having indulged in irregular sale of Replenishment Import Licences RIP obtained by it from time to time as export incentives and if so, what are the results thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that following the said inquiry, the TTCI was kept in 'abeyance list' in the matter of its RIP entitlements but recently its name has been withdrawn from such 'abeyance list' and if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government have taken adequate precautions to prevent recurrence of such irregular acts and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) Yes, Sir. The enquiry is under progress.

(b) TTCI was placed under 'abeyance list on 9th November, 1983. Later on debarment orders were issued w.e.f. 9-11-1983 to 31-3-1985. As per procedure, as and when debarment order is passed an 'abeyance order has to be withdrawn. Hence the order of abeyance dated 9-11-1983 was withdrawn.

(c) The strict action taken by the Government against the TTCI will be an adequate deterrent against the recurrence of such irregular acts.

2670. [*Transferred to the 21st August, 1987*]

Workers in Scheduled Industries in Bihar

2671. SHRI J. P. GOYAL:
SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that about 90 per cent of the workers in the scheduled industries in Bihar are denied bonus, ESI provident fund, leave, etc., in violation of the Minimum Wages Act, 1948 and that regular revision of wages in the scheduled industries is seldom done; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) No specific complaints or reports regarding denial of the benefits of ESI, Provident Fund etc. to 90 per cent of the workers in Bihar seem to have been received in the recent past.

(b) Does not arise.

Demand of tribals in Assam for a separate State

2672. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the demand of the plain tribals in Assam for a